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July 16, 2008 ADRC-TAE Newsletter

A Weekly Update for Aging & Disability Resource Center Grantees and their Partners

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CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY

2008 ADRC National Meeting

ADRC grantees at the state or local level, state or local staff working in other Single Entry Point systems, partnering organizations, evaluators, researchers, and other stakeholders are encourage to submit presentation proposals for the 2008 conference.

If you can help other ADRC and Single Entry Point systems learn from your experience about how to offer information on long-term supports, streamline access to long term services and supports, or assist consumers by offering long-term support options counseling, please consider presenting!

The call for presentations is now open. Submissions are due by July

Funding Opportunity for Rural ADRCs: Rural Health Care Outreach Services

A new funding opportunity is now available from HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy. Grant awards of up to $375,000 will be made for demonstration projects to improve health care access in rural areas. The RFP due date is October 16, 2008.

The Outreach grants are demonstration projects to test out good ideas to improve access to health care services in rural communities. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is hoping to make as many as 90 awards by March 2009.

The announcement number is: HRSA-09-002. A synopsis and application process has been posted on the www.grants.gov website.

- Applicants must be registered on grants.gov in order to apply.
- Applicants need to be in a rural area. Check this website to determine if you eligible: http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/eligibilitytestv2.asp
- Grants need to be community-driven and reflect a broad consortium of at least two independent entities rather than one single entity in charge. The lead applicant needs to be a not-for-profit entity.
- **Health care is fairly broadly defined so this funding can be used for what some would consider human services.**
- This program will not be competed again until 2012.

This Week's Event: Pilot Sites Peer Workgroup

FAQs and Strategies for Serving Private Pay Consumers

18, 2008. Please see the [2008 National Meeting Page for futher information.](#)

[Advance Registration](#) for the 2008 ADRC National Meeting for grantees ONLY is now open at www.regonline.com/ADRCBoston

General Registration will open on August 1.

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- Thursday, July 17th
- 2:30 to 3:30 PM Eastern
- Teleconference Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Participant Passcode: 2695542#

On this week's Pilot Sites call, we will be discussing the challenges and opportunities of serving individuals who do not qualify for public programs. After a short presentation on marketing strategies, we will launch a facilitated discussion about what services sites offer private pay consumers, tailoring materials for private pay consumers, and partnering with other organizations in the community.

ADRC-TAE Website Updates and Additions

New Resources
[Print and Score Version of ADRC Readiness Assessment Tool](#): This ADRC Readiness assessment is a PDF version of the online tool that can be printed and scored. The Lewin Group created the ADRC Readiness Assessment so that organizations can assess their ability to perform the core functions of an Aging and Disability Resource Center.

[Logic Model Overview for Upcoming Evaluation Peer Workgroup Call](#): The Logic Model process is a tool that has been used for more than 20 years by program managers and evaluators to describe the effectiveness of their programs. The model describes logical linkages among program resources, activities, outputs, audiences, and short-, intermediate-, and long-term outcomes related to a specific problem or situation. Once a program has been described in terms of the logic model, critical measures of performance can be identified.

New Examples From The Field
[Maryland RFP For Website Contractor](#): Maryland has issued this Request for Proposals for a contractor for the Maryland Access Point Website.

Upcoming Technical Assistance Events

July 17th Pilot Sites Peer Workgroup Call

- Topic: **FAQs and Strategies for Serving Private Pay**

- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- The call page contains details and accompanying resources.

July 24th Evaluation Peer Workgroup

- Topic: **A New Look at Logic Modeling and ADRC Evaluation - The Georgia Experience**
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- Webinar ID: 193-902-601
- Register in advance for the webinar. (Recommended)
- The call page contains details and accompanying resources.

August 7th All-Grantee Monthly Call

- Topic: **Web-Based Aging and Disability Resources**
- Time: 2:30-4:00 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- Webinar ID: 613-562-313
- Register in advance for the webinar. (Recommended)
- The call page contains details and accompanying resources.

New AARP Report Examines Access to HCBS Long-Term Care Services

A Balancing Act: State Long-Term Care Reform

A new report by AARP's Public Policy Institute finds promising signs and mixed results among state government efforts to balance long-term care (LTC) options under Medicaid. Unfortunately, according to the report, only four states spent more than 50 percent of their Medicaid LTC dollars for older people providing home and community based services (HCBS). The remainder of the states continues to spend the majority of their Medicaid LTC dollars for older people on institutional care, such as nursing homes.

The report is the first to examine Medicaid spending on long-term care for older people and adults with physical disabilities, separate from other LTC users such as people with mental

retardation/developmental disabilities (MR/DD). Nationally, 75 percent of Medicaid LTC spending for older people and adults with physical disabilities pays for institutional care in nursing homes. In contrast, states have done a much better job balancing Medicaid LTC for people with MR/DD, spending just 39 percent on institutional care. The majority of funds now supports people in home and community-based settings.

Medicaid's bias remains a major barrier to leveling the playing field between options for institutional care and HCBS for older adults, according to the report. Medicaid is required to provide nursing home care for older adults who are impoverished and require care, but is not required to provide HCBS.

ASA/NCOA Now Accepting Abstracts for 2009 Conference

The 2009 conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging is now accepting proposals for workshops or posters.

The event is scheduled for March 15-19, 2009, in Las Vegas, NV.

A complete list of the subject areas and submission requirements (and the online proposal form) can be found at http://www.agingconference.org. Proposals must be received by Friday, July 25, 2008.